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SUBJ: CIVAIR: CONCORDE DECISION

1. GUIBE, DIRECTOR OF CONCORDE PROGRAM AT SGAC, PHONED US THIS MORNING TO INDICATE THAT HE HAD HEARD ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE CONTEMPLATED WHEREBY FRENCH AND BRITISH EMBASSY REPS IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE INVITED CALL AT DOT AND FRENCH AND BRITISH GOVT REPS IN PARIS AND LONDON BE INVITED TO RESPECTIVE AMEMBASSIES IN THOSE CAPITALS FEW HOURS IN ADVANCE OF SECRETARY COLEMAN'S DECISION TO BE APPRISED IN CONFIDENCE OF DECISION AND BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO READ TEXT AND SUPPORTING DATA. GUIBE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD COLEMAN DECISION WAS EXPECTED TO BE VOLUMINOUS TEXT AND THAT EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO PROVIDE IT TO AMEMBASSIES PARIS AND LONDON TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN ADVANCE OF DECISION. HE HAD ALSO HEARD IT WAS CONSIDERED 90 PERCENT SURE SECRETARY

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COLEMAN WOULD ANNOUNCE HIS DECISION AT PRESS

CONFERENCE AT 12 NOON FEB. 4, OR 6 PM PARIS TIME.

2. GUIBE INQUIRED WHETHER EMBASSY WAS ABLE CONFIRM THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WERE ENVISAGED. IF SO, HE WAS PREPARED TO COME TO EMBASSY AT ANY TIME FOR THE PURPOSE AND WE COULD BE ASSURED THAT GOF WOULD FULLY RESPECT SECRECY OF ADVANCE NOTIFICATION PRIOR TO PUBLIC RELEASE.

3. WE INFORMED GUIBE THAT WE HAD NO WORD AS YET OF ANY SUCH ARRANGEMENTS BUT WOULD IMMEDIATELY QUERY WASHINGTON THIS SUBJECT. WE ADDED THAT WE AND AMEMBASSY LONDON HAD STRESSED TO WASHINGTON, PERHAPS NEEDLESSLY BECAUSE IT WAS SO SELF-EVIDENT, PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING FRENCH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS RECEIVE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION. WE RECALLED THAT DOT HAD NOTIFIED FRENCH AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE OF SECRETARY COLEMAN'S PRESS CONFERENCE LAST NOVEMBER. WE ADDED THAT WE COULD UNDERSTAND DESIRE OF FRENCH (AND PRESUMABLY BRITISH) NOW TO HAVE FULL COGNIZANCE OF SO IMPORTANT A DECISION IN ALL ITS DETAILS SOONEST IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CAPITALS WHERE THEIR CONCORDE EXPERTISE WAS LOCATED, RATHER THAN HAVING TO RELY INITIALLY ON PHONED REPORT OR CABLED SUMMARY, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM THEIR EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON. WE NOTED THAT EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED (STATE 10979) INDICATION THAT STATE DEPT. WOULD ENDEAVOR PROVIDE US IN ADVANCE FULL TEXT OF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF DECISION FOR SIMULTANEOUS RELEASE HERE, THOUGH WE DIDN'T KNOW WHETHER THIS MEANT THE FULL TEXT OF THE ACTUAL DECISION WHICH IS WHAT GUIBE IS MOST ANXIOUS TO SEE. WE ADDED THAT WE FULLY SHARED GUIBE'S VIEW OF ADVISABILITY OUR HAVING IN HAND THE FULL TEXT OF THE DECISION IN ADVANCE OF RELEASE TIME. WE ADDED THAT IN DOUBLE CHECKING WITH DEPT. WE WOULD SEEK ASCERTAIN DEFINITELY WHETHER TEXT OF DECISION WILL BE PROVIDED US IN ADVANCE, AND, IF SO, WHEN AND UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS OF CONFIDENTIAL PERUSAL BY GOF REPS.

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: ADVISE SOONEST. IF THE COLEMAN DECISION IS VOLUMINOUS IT MAY NOT LEND ITSELF WELL TO TELEGRAPHIC TRANSMISSION, AND POUCH TRANSMITTAL IS OFTEN NOT THE SPEEDIEST OR MOST TROUBLE-FREE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION. IN VIEW OF THE EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE OF THE IMPENDING DECISION FOR THE FRENCH AND BRITISH GOVERNMENTS AND FOR OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH THEM, CONSIDERATION

COULD PERHAPS BE GIVEN TO DISPATCHING TEXT OF
DECISION AND ANY RELATED MATERIALS TO US AND TO
AMEMBASSY LONDON BY SPECIAL COURIER.
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